

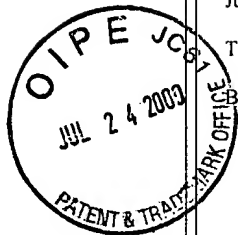
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The reference cited on attached form PTO-1449 is being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the reference is enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited reference be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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